

pre A#2 87

PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
Reinhard Hilger, et al.) Art Unit: To be assigned
Serial No. To be assigned) Examiner: To be assigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
Title: FILLER DEVICE) Atty. Docket No. 16202.590
)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

6. The filler device as defined in Claim 4, characterized in that the locking device (13, 14) is arranged in such a way that it is effective in the initial position.

7. The filler device as defined in Claim 1, characterized in that the movement region comprises an axial path for emplacement of the closure cap (1) until the initial position is reached, and, subsequent thereto, a circumferential path until the final position is reached, the circumferential path comprising the engagement path.

8. The filler device as defined in Claim 6, characterized in that the locking device (13, 14) is effective in the region of the transition from axial path to circumferential path.